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DONNA HITTING "ON ALL SIX" FOR S. O. S. FUND

Every Day, Every Night,
is Something Doing to
Bring in the Money

Donna, Texas, May 26.—Donna and the Donna community, despite the fact that the S. O. S. campaign in Hidalgo county is now weeks old, continues to "hit on all six cylinders" in its efforts to raise its quota, and if anything it seems to the campaign workers that the campaign is creating more and more interest as it progresses. Hardly a day or a night passes but that something has been done here to forward the campaign to eliminate the \$50,000 deficit in the fund.

Rev. O. C. Crow, one of the most progressive of the Valley's many progressive ministers, is chairman of the campaign in Donna, and Harry Carroll, secretary-manager of the Donna Chapter of Commerce is treasurer.

William T. Burnett, assisting D. A. O'Brien in the campaign, today commented some of the things Donna is doing. The school children are "one hundred per cent" in the campaign. The plan followed in the school end of the campaign was to fix the donation for each child at two cents for each year of the child's age. The children of the Mexican school are also active and are doing much for the campaign.

Some of the Sunday schools have donated their past Sunday's collections, and all are going to do the same. The first of a series of auction sales was held last Saturday. One will be held each Saturday until the campaign is completed.

Runners sales by the ladies of the town is one of the methods by which money is being raised.

A. F. Hester, Jr., proprietor of the Plaza Hotel, announced he would donate one day's receipts to the fund, the first hotel in the Valley to take such action.

The fates of Donna and the fates of Weslaco met in bloody conflict on the baseball diamond here Wednesday for the benefit of the fund, the Donna weights winning by a score of 15 to 9. Next Wednesday the "skinnies" of the two towns will play a game for the same purpose. Wednesday's game was estimated to have netted \$40 for the fund.

An S. O. S. bridge party at the home of Mrs. A. T. Elliott was one of the brilliant social affairs of the morning in Donna. Mrs. Elliott was assisted by Mrs. A. F. Hester, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Gibson, and Mrs. Walter G. Weaver.

The Donna Women's Club have pledged \$100 to the fund, of which \$80 already has been raised.

There will be a summer and dance Saturday night for the benefit of the fund.

J. W. Weaver assembled a carload of scrap iron, which will be sold, the proceeds to go to the fund. One hundred thousand pounds of scrap is in sight. Mr. Weaver said, and more cars loaded with it will be sold, all the proceeds to go to the fund.

Rev. Dr. Crow reported that many subscriptions are coming in from the outside, some of which are not from individuals, but people who are intensely interested in the outcome of the campaign.

"Tell the readers of The Herald that the Donna spirit for the S. O. S. is one hundred per cent," said Dr. Crow. "This morning," he declared, "that every man, woman and child is participating. Tell the world, we will not give up."

Mr. Burnett made the following statement:

"Everywhere that Mr. O'Brien has been when asked about the alleged opposition in Brownsville, he has made the statement that everyone in Brownsville is for it, except five or six men, who are more or less influential and wealthy, and at no time has he indicated in person, or in any way, that he is feeling exceptionally good and is more confident today than ever that this thing will be done."

Mr. O'Brien also authorized Mr. Burnett to say that if the campaign had been completed by May 15 as was hoped, that it was certain dredges could have been worked by July 1. However, Mr. Burnett said, the delay in the campaign is still on, "but we will get them to work as soon as possible."

ALAMO, Texas, May 26.—Although repeatedly requested to send in S. O. S. totals, several Hidalgo county towns are slow to send in the figures. Until they do there is no way to report the exact status of the campaign in this county.

WEATHER FORECAST

To-night and Saturday partly cloudy; light to fresh southeast to south winds.

The following weather observations, covering the 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m. today, are reported by Mrs. A. W. Reed, United States voluntary weather observer.
Maximum temp. yesterday 87.0
Minimum temp. yesterday 65.0
Precipitation 0.00
Temperature at noon today 89.0
Temperature at 3 p. m. today 86.0
Rainfall yesterday 0.03

THREE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE WHEN SWITCH ENGINE STRIKES AUTO

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Walters and Dan Garza, a boy riding in their automobile truck with them, narrowly escaped serious injury Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when a switch engine struck the car as it was crossing the belt line track near Snakeville, about a mile from the city. The truck was damaged, but went off under its own power, and Mr. and Mrs. Walters sustained only a few bruises. The boy sustained a slight injury to his arm.

The engine was coming up from below the city and was bound for the railroad yards. Fortunately, rain that had just fallen made the track slippery, and the automobile was pushed along by the engine for a distance of about sixty feet, the two pairs of wheels having been on the rails at the time.

Engineer Ferrell was in charge of the engine.

NEARLY EVERY MAIL BRINGS REQUEST FOR PARDON, SAYS NEFF

(By The Associated Press)

AUSTIN, Texas, May 26.—Despite Governor Neff's repeated assurance that he will not pardon anyone who has been convicted of a crime, the governor's office today received a large number of requests for pardons. The majority of these—a large majority—are from people on the outside, according to Mrs. Espinosa, assistant secretary. The office received a number, however, from convicts.

Mrs. Neff has been in the office approximately 188 days. In that time she has opened the Governor's mail post twice daily.

"And I cannot remember ever opening a mail that there was not at least one request for a pardon, parole or restoration of citizenship in it," she said.

To Approve Legislation For Payment of Royalty

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The administration is expected shortly to approve legislation for the payment of royalty to the oil states. The bill would require the United States to pay royalties to the oil states on the oil reserves to individual states in which such reserves are located.

Saturday is Poppy Day-- Young Girls to Sell Them

Babe Ruth is Ineligible to Play, Decision

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 26.—Babe Ruth today was declared by President Ban Johnson of the American League to be ineligible to play until a complete investigation has been made of his argument with Umpire Hildebrand which resulted in Ruth being put out of the game and climbing into the stands when he became offended at booing fans.

Johnson said the investigation would be made immediately and a final decision would be made tomorrow.

EFFORTS TO LYNCH NEGRO SUSPECT AT HONEY GROVE ENDED

(By The Associated Press)

HONEY GROVE, Texas, May 26.—Efforts to lynch Will Mason, negro held in jail here on suspicion following an attempted assault upon a white woman near here Wednesday apparently have been abandoned early today. The mob had dispersed. Other negroes are being sought in connection with the attempted assault, it is said. Mason maintains his innocence.

PEACE OFFICERS MEETING

(By The Associated Press)

DALLAS, Texas, May 26.—Texas peace officers in convention here today went on record against aiding railroads which refused to issue free transportation to officers while traveling in the discharge of their duty.

Shopping Trip

—in an easy chair is made possible by newspaper advertisements. You are kept informed of the sales going on in the various shops without going from one to the other in person.

WELL MATURED COTTON BOLLS NEAR LA FERIA

The first well matured cotton bolls reported from any part of the Valley, were found in the vicinity of La Feria yesterday by E. E. Curl, of the Federal Horticultural Board, who is now in the Valley in connection with the pink boll worm inspection work. Mr. Curl informed County Farm Agent L. H. Almsayer that the bolls are well matured.

With the bolls making good growth progress throughout the Valley to protect their crop by dusting is reported. About three carloads of material for this purpose have already been disposed of in the two counties.

Reports from Hidalgo county to The Herald today said that the farmers of that county are exceedingly cheerful over the prospects that now exist for an excellent cotton crop. The rains of the past few days, it was said, have not harmed the crop, but the condition is such now that more rain may prove harmful to growth, as well as affording opportunity for ravages by the boll weevil.

The Brownsville Chamber of Commerce today is writing letters to about 130 farmers in the El Jardin district, near Brownsville, urging upon them the importance of dusting their cotton for protection against the boll weevil.

The letter says:

"If you have a cotton crop, this is to call your attention to the importance of protecting it as much as possible against the boll weevil."

Our farmers here in the Valley who have had experience are agreed that dusting with calcium arsenate pays well if it is done properly. When infection has reached fifteen per cent, dusting should begin, and an application of at least five pounds per acre should be put on about every five days until the cotton has been dusted four times.

"We hope you can take good care of your cotton, as it appears that the price is likely to be good."

In World Flight



Major W. T. Blake, British flyer, will seek to fly around the world this month in place of Sir Ross Smith, killed while practicing.

LINE DISPUTE BRINGS UP NEW COMPLICATION

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—Further complications have been injected into the Red River boundary dispute between Oklahoma and Texas in which the United States intervened. In compliance with orders of the supreme court suggestions as to the form of decree to be entered by the court have been received from the parties to the controversy.

These, it is found, precipitate upon the court the necessity of determining what constitutes the northern bank of the river.

The court had left open for future decision the locations of the southern bank of the river to become the boundary line between the two states. The contestants pointed out, however, that in carrying into effect the court's decision of May 1 the middle of the channel established as the southern boundary to certain claims cannot be determined until the court announces the location of both banks of the river.

ELEVEN DEAD, TOLL OF MINE EXPLOSION IN ALABAMA DIGGING

(By The Associated Press)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 26.—Eleven miners were killed last night in the explosion of a mine at the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company in St. Clair county, according to reports received here today. Five were white, according to the reports.

Side Lights on SOS Campaign

Checks for five dollars each have been received from the following Hidalgo county non-resident land owners: G. W. Lawrence, Richey, Mo.; D. W. Cleveland, Hurrick, Iowa; Geo. W. Rorer, Wabash, Ind.; A. D. Forrester, Kirkwood, Mo.; Geo. Ree, San Antonio, Texas.

Checks for ten dollars each have been received from the following Hidalgo county non-resident land owners: W. G. Gunderson, Vermilion, S. D.; Ernest C. Collins, Malvern, Iowa; O. Mulvey, Rogers, Arkansas; S. A. Spelman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Rodez Lane, Sulphur Mine, La.

MISSION S. O. S. SIDELIGHTS

MISSION, Texas, May 26.—Col. S. M. Duffie will be host at a Save Our Sea Port party at Hotel Mission Thursday night, June 1. There will be bridge in the dining room, dominoes in the parlor, dancing in the lobby and gossiping on the lawn. Every guest will be charged fifty cents.

The Water Users' Association comprised of Mission and Sharyland farmers paid into the S. O. S. fund on Wednesday \$143.95, quite a substantial donation.

The chicken dinner given by the members of the Sharyland Home Economic club at Hotel Mission Saturday night was a grand success and netted the S. O. S. fund \$104.60.

Prof. E. H. Patul left Wednesday for his home in Haskell county to spend his vacation.

Business Men's League made a donation of \$25 at their last meeting to the S. O. S. fund.

CORPUS CHRISTI'S PORT CLAIMS HAVE APPROVAL OF BOARD

Board of Army Engineers Recommends Expenditure of \$5,- 051,900 on Project

(Corpus Christi Caller)

Ending a campaign of years, Corpus Christi yesterday was recognized, in the measure as reported by the federal board of engineers to congress, as the future deep water port on the west gulf coast with a total expenditure of \$5,051,900.

This information came last night in telegrams from Roy Miller, secretary of the general executive committee of the Deep Water Harbor Association of South and West Texas, and State Representative W. E. Pope, who are now in Washington. A telegram of congratulations was also received by The Caller, signed by Congressman Wurzbach.

The campaign which has just closed in working for the official designation was one of the most thoroughly prosecuted ever before the board of engineers, it was said, and it was only after their thorough investigation of the entire matter, including a personal visit by members of the board to the coast, the decision was made.

Another telegram signed by both Mr. Pope and Mr. Miller said they felt assured of approval of the project in the pending rivers and harbor bill.

The plan as accepted by the board of engineers was the same as had been submitted by the local committee and went into every detail of the construction and maintenance of the project.

The following is a resume of the report made by the board of engineers to congress. This is the plan as submitted by the Corpus Christi committee and was accepted by the board of engineers:

The plan comprises a turning basin 1,200 feet wide by 3,000 feet long and 25 feet deep, north of the City of Corpus Christi. The wharfage as provided for at first is for berthing space for seven vessels with ample provision for future expansion, the necessary mechanical equipment, fire protection, storage tanks and motor truck roadway; the extension of the partly constructed city breakwater in front of the exposed face of harbor; a lift bridge to carry the highway and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad track across the entrance channel; a levee between the harbor and Nueces bay, and a channel 200 feet wide and 25 feet deep with widened places for passing, connecting the terminal with deep water at Port Aransas.

The total estimated cost is \$5,051,900 and \$220,000 per year for maintenance.

SODERMAN CASE PRESENTED TO JURY AT DALLAS

(By The Associated Press)

DALLAS, Texas, May 26.—The contention of the state that Dave E. Soderman killed Jay Clay Powers because of business deals and the defense that Soderman shot Powers while of unsound mind caused by statements to Soderman by his wife were presented to the jury today by attorneys for both sides.

The court announced the case would go to the jury late this afternoon.

Will Curtis, opening the arguments for the state declared that the evidence failed to support the contention of the defense that Soderman shot Powers because of his mental condition induced by Mrs. Soderman in verbal and written statements of alleged infidelity with Powers.

W. P. McLean, opening for the defense, replied that there was no doubt Soderman was in such mental state as the result of what his wife told him, that he was not responsible for his actions.

REINSTATEMENT OF CHILDS IN INTERNAL REVENUE DEPT. ASKED

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 26.—The Blair-Dover controversy in the treasury department, described yesterday as closed by Secretary Mellon, again was laid before President Harding today with the presentation of a petition signed by more than a dozen members of the Ohio delegation in congress asking the reinstatement of C. C. Childs of Ohio, former supervisor of collectors of the Internal Revenue Bureau.

The suspension of another official of the bureau, Samuel G. Patchell, chief payroll examiner in the accounts unit, became known today.

MAJOR TRUE MUST DIE, HIS APPEAL DISMISSED

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, May 26.—The appeal of Major Ronald True, former officer who for some time resided in Texas, from the recent sentence to death for the murder of Gertrude Yates, was dismissed by the court today. He pleaded insanity during the trial and reaffirmed his innocence when the death sentence was pronounced.

TULSA WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND

TULSA, Okla., May 26.—Dr. M. A. Jergensen, local physician, is dead and his wife is being held by the police on a charge of murder as a result of what is believed by the police to have been the climax to a quarrel between the two at their home early last night.

"I don't know why I did it," was Mrs. Jergensen's only statement before being taken to the station.

In the room at the time of the shooting was a 15-year-old child, who in frightened tones gave police authorities an account of the slaying.

NEGRO KILLER JAILED, CROWD IS ASSEMBLING

Held For Murder of Waco
Man and Assault of His
Companion at Night

(By The Associated Press)

WACO, Texas, May 26.—A negro, believed to be the one who murdered Harrel Bolton and assaulted Mrs. Maggie Hays last night, was captured about fifteen miles southeast of here about noon by Constable Stegall and is in jail.

A large crowd is gathering about the jail. A gold tooth and shoe tracks correspond with the description given by Mrs. Hays of her assailant. The negro's name is Sank Johnson.

(By The Associated Press)

HILLSBORO, Texas, May 26.—Posses numbering approximately five hundred men early today were searching the country between Waco and Hillsboro for a negro who last night shot and killed Harrel Bolton and assaulted Miss Margaret Hays, who was driving with Bolton in an automobile on the Corsicana road four miles north of Waco.

Two negro suspects are held in the Waco jail while officers here are working on the case, they announced.

Feeling is intense in this section. An unconfirmed report here said that a negro had been removed from a train at Fort Worth who answers the description of the hunted man.

The negro, according to Miss Hays' story, stopped Bolton's car at a lonely spot and shot Bolton. He then dragged the girl into the woods where he assaulted and held her prisoner for three hours. He dragged the girl to the Katy tracks where he tried to shoot her, according to the girl's story. The cartridges failed to explode, she said. He then threw her into a ditch and boarded a northbound freight. Officers had a report that a negro was seen to leave the train at Abbott, ten miles south of Hillsboro.

Bolton and Miss Hays were members of prominent Waco families. The woman said she could identify her assailant.

Dr. Griffin, a veterinarian of Abbott, said he met a negro meeting the description of the assailant given by the girl on the road several miles north of Abbott at 1 o'clock this morning.

WACO, Texas, May 26.—Posses are scouring the country between Waco and Fort Worth for the negro who killed Bolton and assaulted Miss Margaret Hays. Tracks of the man were plain leading from the car from which he dragged his victim to the place of assault and thence to the railroad. He left the train about a mile from where he boarded it and walked east through a field. Suspicion is directed to a certain negro who resides near the scene of the crime, and it is expected he will be captured soon.

HIDALGO COUNTY IS PREPARING TO BUILD FORTY DIPPING VATS

(By The Associated Press)

ALAMO, Texas, May 26.—Beginning of construction of the first of Hidalgo county's forty dipping vats is expected. Only the usual preliminary details to county work remain. Several dairymen have built private vats, most of them having stock so badly infected as to make waiting dangerous. The vats are to be located as conveniently as possible to stock-owners to be compelled to drive his stock more than four miles.

Graduation of ticks in this county is expected to begin the cow-hog-chicken movement, started some time ago by the county agents of Cameron and Hidalgo counties. The lesson that Valley farmers cannot eliminate cows, hogs and chickens from their operations and expect to have regular cash incomes in shipping in and many growers are going to use any surplus funds they may have from cotton to build fences, erect buildings for stock and chickens and buy a few good head of stock and good chickens.

EIGHT KILLED WHEN EXPLOSIONS OCCUR IN CHEMICAL PLANT

(By The Associated Press)

SINAMAHONIE, Pa., May 26.—Eight men were instantly killed and three others hurt in a series of explosions which today blew into pieces three loading houses and another building at the Grasselli chemical plant here.

GARY SAYS HARDING HAD NO INTENTION OF MEDDLING IN INDUSTRY

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26.—President Harding denied any intention of meddling with the steel business last week when he asked forty representative leaders of industry to investigate the practicability of eliminating the twelve hour day. Judge Elbert H. Gary said today in prefacing his annual address as president of the American Iron and Steel Institute.

FRYERS IN QUANTITY SHIPPED FROM ALAMO

ALAMO, Texas, May 26.—John Jacobs and Splawn Brothers, both of this place, have been shipping fryers all spring and report the number this season grown by Alamo growers as outstanding.

The movement, reports W. B. Splawn, was heavy early in the spring, then dropped off to almost nothing and now is heavier than ever. Where they are coming from is more than we know. They are top quality and just now are selling at thirty cents to the owner."

Alamo chicken raisers believe that two pounds is about the right weight to ship, this weight being more profitable they believe, than if kept longer.

So far as concerns Alamo and immediate vicinity, the chicken business seems to be here to stay and promises to develop into one of the largest and best-paying industries.